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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated February 5, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the present application contained claims to three (3) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, and required the applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits; to identify the species so elected; and to list the claims readable thereon.

In response, the applicants hereby elect the species illustrated in Figures 5 and Figure 6 for further prosecution, and indicate that claims 1-5, 17-21 and 28-34 are readable thereon.


By such election, the applicants confirm that claims 6-16 and 22-27 shall be withdrawn from further consideration, but that if a generic claim shall be allowed, claims drawn to the non-elected species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of the generic claim shall be no longer withdrawn from consideration.

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It is believed that the foregoing addresses fully the official action, and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If after reviewing this correspondence, the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth hereinbelow.

Respectfully submitted


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